

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mike Miceli

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SILICON VALLEY REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY PROJECT AGREEMENTS **DATE:** 03/14/06

Approved

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3/8/06

REASON FOR ADDENDUM:

In August of last year, Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Inc., completed a "Proof of Concept" for the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Project. The City of San Jose is the grant-funding recipient responsible for releasing the appropriated funds for the payment of that service. Primarily due to retirements and staff changes within the City of San Jose, that bill was never paid. Immediate payment is recommended to avoid future costs or litigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Ratification of the Santa Clara County Data Communications Network Joint Funding Agreement as amended through September 1, 2004.
2. Approval of Agreement with the City of Mountain View for payment of \$499,900 in UASI Grant Funding for service performed on behalf of the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Santa Clara County/Cities Managers formed the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Project (SVRIP) in 1998 to enhance inter-agency coordination and communication between public safety agencies and to exchange critical information and resources in real time during an emergency. The SVRIP operates under the general direction of the Santa Clara County/Cities Managers' Association. An executive level Steering Committee acts as the governance body providing oversight and management.

In 2001, this collaboration solidified under a Joint Funding Agreement among the Cities of Palo Alto, Cupertino, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Campbell, Morgan Hill, Milpitas,

Gilroy, Monte Sereno, Los Altos, San Jose, Saratoga, the Towns of Los Altos Hills and Los Gatos, San Jose State University, the California Department of Forestry (South County Fire District) and the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Each participating jurisdiction (Network Participant) made an equal contribution of approximately \$19,500 as "seed" funding to hire a consultant that would be tasked with determining the interoperability needs of the stakeholder agencies and to make recommendations to achieve seamless interoperability.

In 2002, the Steering Committee terminated that agreement for failure to achieve the deliverables, retained a substantial portion of the original funds on the Project and opted to rely upon in-house technical and operational expertise to move this initiative forward. September 11, 2001 had substantially changed the political emphasis on this issue and vendors were beginning to flood the marketplace with proposed solutions to this complex and challenging issue. With no change in funding amount and/or scope of authority for the Steering Committee, representatives of the Network Participants executed Amendment 1 to the Joint Funding Agreement to reflect the change.

In July 2003, the City of San Jose was included in the Bay Area-wide Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Program, a Federal program to direct United States Department of Homeland Security funding to specific core cities and core counties, and their surrounding regions. The San Francisco UASI included the County of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose, along with other Bay Area counties and the City of Oakland in the 2003 program. In the fall of 2003, the City of San Jose was notified that for the 2004 UASI Program it would be designated as a core city, with Santa Clara as its core county. The additional members of the San Jose UASI Region are the 14 other cities in Santa Clara County and the counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz. The Federal government allocated \$9.9 million for the San Jose UASI to be spent for the benefit of the defined regions.

On September 1, 2004, San Jose City Manager Del Borgsdorf along with representatives of the other Network Participants executed the Second Amendment to the Santa Clara County Data Communications Network Joint Funding Agreement. The Amendment provides an update on the status and funding received to date on the SVRIP; it redefines and updates the purpose of the project to coincide with new information available on this important issue; allows for partnerships with other government agencies and private enterprise. It establishes a website, allows for demonstration "pilot" projects; expands the composition of the Steering Committee to reflect a need to have a County Executive on the Committee and a representative from the San Jose UASI. It provides for the addition of new *ad hoc* members. The Amendment contemplates the future of interoperability and provides enough scope and authority to ensure the project can continue moving forward. It further defines the fiscal agent responsibility, which, along with legal services, has been provided by the City of Mountain View on this Project.

San Jose's role in the Joint Funding Agreement was to apply for UASI grant funds on behalf of the project. On June 28, 2005 the City Council approved an appropriation from the FFY 2004

UASI grant for the support of a "proof of concept" for microwave and broadband system communications for interoperability.

The SVRIP has begun implementing a series of projects to increase electronic connection between the area's 9-1-1 call centers for expedited call processing and management of first responder resources; interface existing public safety radio channels for improved field communication; integrate data records management systems for intelligence sharing; implement a private broadband wireless network to share photos, video and specialized types of information; and establish an integrated medical network amongst the multi-county medical reference labs. The SVRIP Executive Steering Committee, on behalf of the 18 participating jurisdictions, has executed a contract with Northrop Grumman to serve as systems integrator and conduct the proof of concept. This contract for the proof of concept has now been satisfactorily completed, and the City of Mountain View (who serves as the legal and fiscal agent for the SVRIP) has presented documents to the City of San Jose as the UASI grant-funding recipient, requesting the release of the appropriated funds.

ANALYSIS:

The SVRIP has used the City of Mountain View as its administrator, and all SVRIP work is done under the supervision of the City of Mountain View. All SVRIP contracts are based on the City of Mountain View standards. However, the San Jose City Council has not yet formally approved the Joint Funding Agreement or any of its amendments. Because the City is now being asked to make payments in excess of the City Manager's \$100,000 contract authority, staff is requesting Council to ratify the City Manager's approval of the Joint Funding Agreement and to approve an Agreement with the City of Mountain View for payment of UASI grant funds for the work performed by Northrup Grumman.

CEQA:

Not a project.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None. On 6/28/05 the City Council appropriated funds for interoperability from the 2004 UASI Grant.

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

The SVRIP includes representation from every city in Santa Clara County and from the County. In addition, technical staff members provide support at the committee level.

Director, Office of Emergency Services